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1. The Expediting Section (Dispatcher Abteilung) of the Staatssekretariat fuer Schifffahrt was to be liquidated by 20 January 1955 and a new section organized to continue the functions previously carried out by the former. This new section is to be called the Erfassungstelle. The new section will be staffed by the following personalities.
- Chief: Kurt Groche, who was in charge of the former Dispatcher Abteilung.
 - Referent: Harry Walle. The Erfassungstelle will be responsible for maintaining records on the total tonnage handled on the East German inland waterways. This will include import as well as export tonnage. Prior to the establishment of the Erfassungstelle, each of the DSU district offices at Stralsund, Magdeburg and Berlin maintained tonnage records on the cargo processed within their districts. With the establishment of the Erfassungstelle, each of the three DSU regional offices must prepare a daily report listing twenty-one categories of cargo which have been processed by their specific district office during a particular day. This daily report will be forwarded to Berlin and the Erfassungstelle by official Bahn Post.
2. The creation of the Erfassungstelle is designed to give the Staatssekretariat fuer Schifffahrt better control over the transportation of coal and construction materials within East Germany.
3. The following personalities will be transferred as a result of the reorganization of the Dispatcher Abteilung:
- Mrs. Herz, former Referent for DSU traffic on the Oder, will be transferred to the post of chief of the harbor section. This section will consist of four people and will be responsible for status reports on all of the East German harbors.
 - Schade (fnu), former Referent for Stralsund, will be transferred to the DSU Berlin district office.

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